

North Torrance Tattler

Ladies Battle Fire In North Torrance

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With all these warm sunny days and the postman bringing garden books and catalogs daily, it's no wonder that so many of us have been smitten with the "farming bug"! Pruning of roses and trees, bareroot planting, the transplanting of annuals, and the last-minute bulbs to be put into the ground, keep us busy. It's good, too, that so much is being done. Have you heard the weatherman's prediction for February? One of the wettest in years. Just thought I'd tell you!

What's cookin'? That was the

question of the day when smoke began to come from under the door of the garage at the home of Mrs. Marcell Beaudwin, 17034 Faysmith, last week. The women of the block gathered up the water hose and went to work, and not a minute too soon either! The fire department arrived and things soon were under control, with a minimum amount of damage.

Mrs. Carol Vaughn was the recipient of a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Smith, 17025 Faysmith, last Thursday. Thirteen of the usual Faysmith crowd played bunco and enjoyed the refreshments. Carol received many nice gifts.

It is the hope that this will be the brightest area ever tonight from 7 o'clock 'til 9. May the lights be seen from afar as the Mothers March of Dimes begins on every street in this vicinity. If you care to give, however small, just be sure your porch light is on and a mother who has volunteered her time will drop by for your donation. North Torrance has a reputation for its big-heartedness and as usual our quota is expected to go over the top thanks to you and your neighbor!

Mr. and Mrs. George Denny, 17416 Glenburn, and is now able to sit in a wheelchair. He still has a cast on the right leg and left arm, plus a pin in the left hip, but he can still manage a smile for visitors. Drop in and say hello to Bob.

Spending the week between semesters at home with his parents, the Alex Bates, 17039 Glenburn, is Jerry Downing who is attending University of California at Santa Barbara. The past few days Jerry and Vern Lewis motored to Mexico to fish before returning to their studies. Vern is a student at El Camino College.

The open house given by the Adult Education classes of Torrance Jan. 27 was an innovation in handicraft. The display of the work accomplished was a challenge to those not enrolled in a class. The exhibits ranged from knitting to landscaping, ceramics to textile painting. The stoles shown were exquisite! One was a pale pink shell with a touch of gold mingled here and there making a most striking effect. The rugmaking classes really did themselves proud with colors so vivid that the iris seemed to sway with the breeze. Every shade of the rainbow was caught and woven (hooked) into a pattern that rivaled Mother Nature herself. The materials, by the way, were cut from cast-offs and dyed to suit the person's taste. Mrs. Meta Betts as usual displayed cakes of every size and shape. One eye-catcher was a florist box in chocolate with a long cake supporting a dozen yellow roses so lifelike! Mrs. Helen Woods made a wedding cake with steps leading to the last tier. Cakes for every occasion could be found, from Humpty-Dumpty to a lovely Valentine with tiny doves and ribbons on a heart. Mrs. Betts class decorated cupcakes with sweets, tily of the valley, forget-me-nots, etc., which were passed to the guests; punch was served by the faculty and the evening was topped off with gaily-dressed ladies and gentlemen in a fast-moving square dance. Spring sessions began Monday.

North Torrance Elementary PTA sponsored a paper drive that netted 17 1/2 tons this week. Olive Marshall's second grade took the prize for collecting the most in the lower grades and Lavonna McKelvey's seventh graders won for the upper grades.

The friends of Robert Bowen will be glad to know that he is home with his grandparents.

The Duane Sherwoods arrived home as predicted, this week, and all are looking great after spending several months in Florida. Martha's new coffeemaker has been working overtime as the steady stream of visitors drop by to say "good to see you!"

The building fund is growing steadily at the United Brethren Church. It is filled to capacity each Sunday at McMaster Hall by children and adults donating from one dollar to one hundred dollars. The Alpha Society added the proceeds of a "come as you are" breakfast to the fund Jan. 30. Attending at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Dyer, aided by Mrs. Ann Collins, included Mesdames Beeson, Nelson, Wood, Richter, Sale, Sherwood, Babb, Johnson, Carlstrom, Underwood, Schroeder, Tussing Muir, Bronson, Weibe, White, Zeller, and Black. That's a lot of robes and curls!

A stork shower was given for Mrs. Coney Stachfield up Ermanita way this week, with the girls of the neighborhood presenting Coney with some very nice gifts for the heir-to-be. Those enjoying the sandwich loaves and pink and blue cookies included Mesdames Baker, Towell, Eagle, Carter, Beckham, and Caton.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Banuelos, of 17039 Falda Ave., are the very proud parents of a son born at St. Francis Hospital weighing six and one-half pounds. Michael James will be the name of this young man who is the first child of the Banuelos.

Mrs. Betty Fowler, 4223 W. 178th Pl., invited the ladies of the neighborhood over for a Tupper party Jan. 27 with this popular product drawing quite a number. Harriet Ashor showed the advantages of these ar-

icles. Those staying for ice cream roll and Hawaiian punch included Mesdames Ann Capic, Jean Ahrendt, Ann Summerack, Betty Baillie, Shirley Bush, Earlene Ryan, Rosemary Welty, Dovie Dollins, Hazel Murphy, Myrtle Reason, Lilly Gordon, Echo Friend, and Alice MacKenzie.

Den 4 of Cub Scout 761-C, under the leadership of Alice MacKenzie, had a special Mothers Night Jan. 27 and the boys feted the mothers in a skit for the occasion. A beautifully decorated blue and gold cake with the words "Welcome Mothers" was supplied by Jean Meyers. Mrs. Shirley Bush, Mrs. Dorothy Leininger, Mrs. Powels, Mrs. Marie Freiler, and Mrs. Jean Meyers were among those present. Mrs. Jaodie Billerback, vice-president of the Cub Scout Mothers Club, was a special guest of the evening.

Feb. 28 is the date set for the collection of papers for the paper drive sponsored by the EUB Church, and according to Ed Collins any papers taken to the new church site, 174th and Yukon, will be welcomed. If you desire a pick-up before that date call Menlo 4-7139.

Mrs. R. Culp, 17513 Cerise Ave., a comparatively new resident of our area, had the neighbors over for a Stanley party

this week and served them an ice cream cake roll. Not a bad way to become acquainted in any vicinity!

Mrs. Helen Selgrist, 16920 Faysmith, has spent the past week visiting her niece in Redlands.

Girl Scout Troop 1295 elected officers at the last meeting. Elected to serve are, president, Linda Wallace; vice-president, Linda Epperson; secretary, Sonja Pesola. This newly-organized troop consists of 14 girls under the leadership of Mrs. Willys G. Blount and Mrs. Laura Pesola. The girls are working for a cooks badge at the present and are looking forward to a skating party at the conclusion of the Girl Scout cookie sale that starts Feb. 7. The troop is registered for the coming year.

A surprise party was held at the home of Laura Pesola, 17030 Faysmith, in honor of Marilyn Smith's birthday. A pretty cake was presented with (shall we say) at least 21 candles on it! The group also gave Marilyn a friendship cup as a token of their best wishes. Those singing "Happy Birthday" were

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Mesdames Dot Beaudwin, Lor-Hammel, Ethel Wright, and Mrs. raine Beaudwin, Avis Hoffman, A. M. Christensen, mother of Violet Metz, Carol Vaughn, Laura, who is visiting here Louise Merry, Iris Haas, Eva from Vancouver, Wash.

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